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February 2005

The Official Newsletter
of G.S.G.R.A.

The Royalty Round-up...

Greetings one and all...we hope you had a tremendous holiday season and are primed and ready for a raucous year of Rodeo FUN-raising! Since this is our first "official" report...let us start by introducing ourselves... We are your new GSGRA Royalty Team for 2005!

STEVE WOLLERT AND MISS TROUT (aka FRANK EARLY)

Since receiving our titles at the 20th Anniversary Royalty Pageant held in San Diego last November we have been busy preparing for what we hope to be an exciting year both in the great Golden State and throughout the IGRA Community. With one of us down South and the other up North (and both of us ready and willing to travel) we hope to be able to cover as many



events as possible during the upcoming year. In addition to hosting our own events to benefit the David Watkins Memorial Fund we are looking forward to helping every chapter in the GSGRA meet and exceed their fundraising goals for 2005! Please don't hesitate to call on us to appear at your events or to assist you in whatever way we can. We are here for all of you and truly want to do everything we can to make a positive and memorable contribution to the GSGRA!!! You can send us an e-mail via the GSGRA web page under the Royalty section.

Although some of this information will be "OLD NEWS" before it is published here is a taste of what we're up to:

During the holiday season we have both tried to be visible and assist our local communities with various events, including the Transgender Day of Remembrance and Holiday Toy Drives.

We are off to Phoenix for the Road Runner

Regional Rodeo on the 14th where we will be spreading the news about the great GSGRA Rodeos and Events for 2005. We'll be on the Entertainment Stage, competing and representing the GSGRA throughout the weekend. We also plan to join Miss IGRA 2005, Pussy Le-Hoot for her annual fundraiser on the 17th at

Charlie's!

Our first official fundraiser will be held in the Bay Area on January 29th at MARLENA'S to benefit the David Watkins Memorial Fund. We'll be saluting one of our favorite musical genres...DRINKIN' SONGS

It should be a hec of a good time featuring entertainment and fun...and perhaps a little drinkin'! Hope to see ya'll there...

During February...we'll be attending the GSGRA State Board Meeting in Palm Springs, IGRA University and local chapter events. We are currently working on putting together a fundraiser in Palm Springs the weekend of the Board Meeting and will announce details as soon as they are confirmed. Plan to join us at Sidewinder's Bar on Saturday, February 5th!

With that...stay tuned and watch the CHUTE and the Yahoo groups for details of future events! We look forward to an "Off the Hook" year in the Golden State and beyond during 2005...

Steve and Trout



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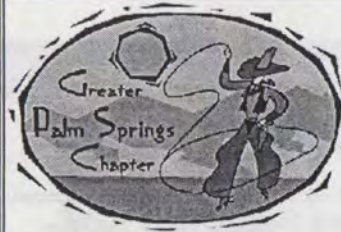
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential. G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member. Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Some G.S.G.R.A. events are held in locations with age restrictions that would exclude members under the age of 21. Members agree that they have a commitment to the goals of the Association as stated in the bylaws. New members affirm that they have not been denied membership in any other I.G.R.A. Member or Recognized Association.

Individual.....\$40.00 Family.....\$75.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
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GSGRA BOARD MEETING

8-4 PM, SAT
 5 & 6 FEB 2005

Desert Palms Inn
 Ph (760) 324-3000
Meeting Room & Host Hotel
 C/W Dancing @ Sidewinders

COMING SOON: GPSC's

HIGH-HORSE BARREL RACING

Winter Series

SATURDAY,

19 MARCH 2005

WELCOMING Men & Women of IGRA

Experienced, Intermediate, Novice
 \$20 ENTRY FEE (3-D PURGE)
 \$2 Go's. \$5 Grounds Fee
 \$15 BBQ, \$2 Beer, Soda, & H2O
 \$5 General ENTERANCE

Stephan's Arena, Morongo Valley
 C/W Dancing, 8 PM
SIDEWINDERS BAR
 Fri & Sat, 18 & 19 March

Chapter News

Chapter Officer Nominations

GPSC Officer Elections are April 9th, if you are interested in nominating someone or yourself please come to the meetings in Feb Mar, and/or Apr at Sidewinders or email jgalloway@dc.rr.com

THANKS!!! to Chapter Contestants & Volunteers at the AGRA AAAA Rodeo

Jody: 9 Events, including Steer Riding
 Rosie: Steer Deco. Wild Drag - Placed Sun
 Cindy: Horse Events
 Dan Marlow: Chute Crew volunteer
 Randy Clarke: Rookie Goat Dressing
 Elodie: Entered Chute Dogging, Bull Riding, and Horse Events. Injured during Chute Dogging. Get well soon, Elodie. Our thoughts are with you.

HIGH-HORSE HOEDOWN BENEFIT

Sidewinders Bar

presents a special event for the

Greater Palm Springs Chapter

Welcoming all Men & Women of IGRA

Cowboy Catered HORS-DOUEVRES

Live C/W Entertainment

Featuring C/W Singer: **JG AVILA**

2-Step & Line Dance Music

DJ KEN SMITH

Video C/W Entertainment on all Videos

Silent RAFFEL

8 PM, Friday, 25 February 2005

Remembering:

John Johnson and David Lussier

Mike Spencer, President



L.A. News



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Phoenix Rodeo News: GLAC Member Strips for Good Cause

GLAC member Larry Andrick, continuing his tradition of pursuing good relations with the citizens of Phoenix, found himself drafted into David Medzerian's annual post-rodeo "Monday Undies" underwear contest at Charlie's. Having survived a fierce competition marred by charges of judge-tampering, Larry is proud to bring home the 2nd Runner-Up title to GLAC!

This year's field consisted of eight contestants drawn from the crowd, and all were worthy competitors. (Larry now regrets recruiting the little hottie from Chicago in the black boxers, who went on to steal the contest.) (And who only THEN announced that he had a boyfriend back home. Tease.)

Contestants were required to humiliate themselves by negotiating a soccer ball through a barrel-race pattern set up on the dance floor. After observing all the competitors in action, Pattern Judge Thom Brennan commented, "I hope none of these guys actually ever try this on a horse. At least not when they're this loaded."

GLAC member and Mr. IGRA 1st Runner-Up Eric Ziegler, who was one of the judges for the contest, said of his voting choices: "There's a contest? Hey, where's my cocktail?"

(GLAC President Bill Paige, who had been seen in the bar much earlier in the evening, missed most of the contest due to what he later characterized as "dizziness and stomach troubles." He was observed the next morning popping aspirin like candy.)

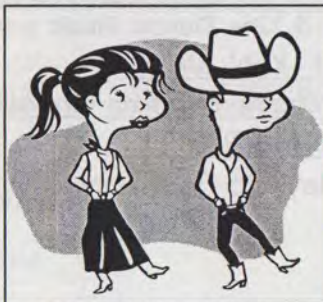
Charges that certain competitors, prior to the voting, engaged in behavior designed to influence the crowd, were dismissed as unfounded. Larry commented, "Some of the contestants merely tried to, shall we say, extend their goodwill to the men (and as it turned out, two women)

of Phoenix."

No word yet on whether any incriminating photos have surfaced.

February Ranch Dance!

Howdy all, don't forget to mark your calendar for February 19th at plumber park, West Hollywood. The address is 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. Saturday time is 5:00 P.M. to 9:00P. M. Ranch Dance. L.A.Rodeo Country and Western Dance \$5.00 Cover Charge Let Get Out and have some Hee Haw fun.



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)



Horsemanship 101

So you want to learn a little bit about horses? Well, here is your chance! We're gonna teach you how to saddle-up and ride the range (or as much as we can in a 3-hour class). Some of our horse owners have graciously volunteered to teach the rest of us some of the basics about riding and the preparation involved in riding horses.

Lessons include:

- * Cleaning hooves (what's a frog?)
- * Brushing the horse (what brushes to use)
- * Saddling (what types of saddles are there?)
- * Putting on a bridle (I gotta put my fingers where?!)
- * Proper seat (why do I keep tipping forward?)
- * Walk, trot, run and how-the-heck-do-I-stop-this-thing

After the first half of the lesson, we'll venture out on a short trail ride to get you comfortable with your new 4-legged friend.

The final lesson will be the cool down and clean-up. This is where you'll get to see why our Horse-people friends are always so busy between events.

A cookout will follow the class where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions, trade stories and make plans to follow-up with further lessons.

This event will be an Sign-up only opportunity due to the number of horses that will be available. Sign up information will be available on the website and in the e-chute.


A waiver must be signed by everyone involve due to liability issues

DOUBLE ROUND-UP

with DJ Rosa

February 11th & 25th

at



6400 East Pacific Coast Hwy. Long Beach
(at SeaPort Marina Hotel)
1-562-431-8404

8pm-1am \$5 cover

www.djrosa.com

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Did you Know about this?...

Hamburger Mary's, Long Beach-
10% discount with GSGRA ID
King's Western Wear, Studio city-
10% discount with GSGRA ID

Mark your Calendars...

February 13, 2005 10:00 AM—Sunday
GLAC Chapter Meeting
LB Lesbian & Gay Pride Office
1017 Obispo St. LB, CA 90804

February 12, 2005, 6:00PM to 8:00 PM
Valentines Spaghetti Diner ,
Hamburger Mary's Long Beach
740 E. Broadway, Long Beach
(562) 983-7001

February 12, 2005, 2 Pm to 6 PM
DJ Rosa's Line Dance Mania— \$5 Cover
Hamburger Mary's Long Beach

February 13, 2005 5pm
Rodeo Night at Rawhide Bar
10937 Burbank Blvd, N. Hollywood
(818) 760-9798

February 19, 2005 ,5:00 pm
Ranch Dance at Plummer Park
Country Music, Dancing, \$5.00 Cover
7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood

February 11 and 25 ,2005 8 PM to 1 AM
Double Round-Up Dance, \$5 Cover
FI2 ,6400 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.,
Long Beach, CA (562) 431-8404

Future Chapter Meetings
February 13 (Sunday, Long Beach)
March 5 (Los Angeles)
April 3 (Sunday, Los Angeles)

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Letter From Your President

Looks like the new year has started off with a bang! It was great to hear that many of you were able to make it out to Phoenix for the first rodeo of 2005. From the sounds of it, it looks like everyone had a really good time while they were out there. I heard that Allen Register was playing his typical role of "Ambassador of Good Will" representing the city of San Francisco. (I'll leave that up to everyone's imagination). It was also nice not getting any phone calls informing me that a BAC chapter member was hurt, maimed, or showed up in bad drag (except for Miss Graff, but as you scroll down you'll see that I have pictures to support my position!).

I'd also like to congratulate Travis on his first successful rodeo committee meeting as Rodeo Director. It was a nice turn out, lots of things were covered quickly, and it was also great to see Ingu Yun there representing the Sundance Saloon organization. Having them involved early in the process can only insure a tighter integration between the two groups. It will be great to have them help out so early in the process. I also hope that many of you will want to join the rodeo production team. Not only will Travis welcome the help, but it's also a great feeling seeing how all of your

hard work pays off come rodeo weekend.

I'd also like to mention all of the BAC members who are running for Emperor and Empress of San Francisco!! It's great to see that both Emperor and Empress of San Francisco could be chapter members! This only shows that each group is supportive of each other, and I only hope that the bonds between both groups only grows stronger and stronger over the coming years. GO BAC MEMBERS!

And one last reminder, keep your eyes peeled for the chapter website. We have many events and beerbusts coming up in the next few weeks that I'd like to see many of you attend. They all should be extremely fun events!

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

CHAPTER MEETING!!

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Marlena's

488 Hayes, San Francisco

7:30 p.m.



Here's my proof! Miss Graff as a blonde!!



Ed Morgan, Eric Hanson and Doug Graff on the party bus for the Western Warehouse Private shopping night



Sorry everyone, but this outfit needed ONE MORE GOOD LOOK!! And remember, he was SOBER when he took this picture! (Do we see a future Miss IGRA here? Hmmm....)

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All information is believed accurate at time of printing. All events and times subject to change.

Where - What - When

February 2005

- 5-6 GSGRA State Board Meeting
Desert Palms Inn - PS
- 8 BAC-Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm
Marlena's - San Francisco
- 11 Double Round Up Dance
F12 - Long Beach
- 12 DJ Rosa's Line Dance Mania and
Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner and
Country Night at
Hamburger Mary's - Long Beach
- 13 GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am Long
Beach Pride Office (Sunday)

- 19 Ranch Dance
Plumber Park - LA
- 18-20 IGRA University
Dallas TX
- 26-27 Gymkhana - Palm Springs

March 2005

- 4-6 Cowtown Rodeo
Fort Worth TX
- 5 GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am
Los Angeles (Saturday)
- 12 Country Night at Hamburger
Mary's - Long Beach
- 18 Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's
Studio City
- 19 High Horse Barrel Racing
Palm Springs
- 20 BBQ Fundraiser and Mr Rawhide
Leather Contest
Rawhide - Burbank
- 26-27 The White Party - Palm Springs



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April 2005

- 3 GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am
Los Angeles (Sunday)
- 8-10 T-Town Rodeo Tulsa OK
- 9 Country Night at Hamburger
Mary's - Long Beach
- 15 Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's
Studio City
- 22-24 Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas NV
- 29-1 Rodeo in the Rock
Little Rock AR
- 30-1 GSGRA Convention - San Diego



Want your event listed in What Where and When?

We want to list any event of interest to our members and we would like to include your event so send us the info and you're in. Keep us informed and we will pass your info on in The Chute the e-Chute and on our website.

E-mail your suggestions and events to us at news@gsgra.org.